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Field Crops

For the week ending March 6, emergence is virtually complete on the durum wheat and barley acreage. Durum wheat has started to head on 7 percent of the acreage, while barley has headed on 12 percent of the acreage.

Alfalfa harvest was active on slightly less than half of the State's acreage. Range and pasture conditions have improved with the abundance of precipitation received in the past few months.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cabbage, green onions, head lettuce, herbs, mixed greens, parsley and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley and spinach last week. Lettuce shipments included Boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine lettuces.

Producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons, navel oranges and tangerines last week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	6	26	48	20
Range and Pasture	2	3	10	62	23

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Durum Wheat				
- Headed	7	--	0	3
Barley				
- Headed	12	--	4	7

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending March 5. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Kingman to 2 degrees above normal at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 77 degrees at Yuma while the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 18 degrees. Precipitation was reported

at all of the 17 reporting stations. Willcox received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.08 inches and Payson received the highest amount of precipitation at 1.14 inches. All reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
February 27 - March 5, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	42	1	57	26	0.26	4.93	1.55
Casa Grande	59	0	75	42	0.31	3.88	1.75
Coolidge	58	-2	74	40	0.65	4.69	2.06
Douglas	52	-1	69	31	0.11	4.64	1.49
Flagstaff	35	2	52	18	0.40	11.27	5.09
Gila Bend	62	-2	75	44	0.25	2.84	1.64
Grand Canyon	36	2	54	24	0.25	7.68	3.60
Kingman	50	-3	60	32	0.49	7.16	2.58
Parker	62	-2	76	44	0.10	4.18	1.70
Payson	45	-2	59	28	1.14	12.05	5.12
Phoenix	62	-1	73	49	0.24	5.06	1.78
Prescott Airport	43	0	57	29	0.19	6.65	2.68
Safford Ag Center	52	-1	69	34	0.19	3.74	1.67
Tucson	58	-2	72	40	0.13	2.75	2.02
Willcox	50	0	66	33	0.08	3.61	2.21
Winslow	44	1	61	28	0.20	3.03	1.09
Yuma	64	0	77	51	0.17	2.25	0.71

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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